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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 6, 2012

Mr. Joe Boardman
President
Amtrak
60 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, District of Columbia 20002

Dear Mr. Boardman:

I am writing to request that Amtrak work with all relevant stakeholders to relocate the Elyria, Ohio stop in Elyria, Ohio to the Lorain County Transit Center, also in Elyria.

It is my understanding that Amtrak plans to make a sizeable investment at the Elyria stop to ensure that the station is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, I believe that the recent \$5 million renovation of the former New York Central Station, also in Elyria, offers a tremendous opportunity to better serve the transportation needs of Northeast Ohioans. I request that funds slated to upgrade the current Amtrak stop in Elyria instead be used for any improvements needed to make the relocation possible.

Investing in this former passenger rail station provides Ohioans with a fully functioning, multimodal transportation center. Presently, the facility is used by Greyhound and the Lorain County Transit Authority, but it has yet to reach its full potential due to the absence of Amtrak.

Moving Amtrak service to the Lorain County Transit Center would be a tremendous step forward in our efforts to revitalize downtown Elyria and provide a common sense solution to the problems posed by the current station which has no amenities and very little space.

It is my hope that Amtrak will expedite planning, engineering, and logistical meetings both with local officials and Norfolk Southern to make this new station a reality. I look forward to your response and stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator